

**CLAIM AMENDMENTS**

1-7. (canceled)

8. (previously presented) A fiber reinforced composite article comprising:  
a plurality of stacked layers of first reinforcing fibers comprising a stack of layers;  
and,  
a plurality of unconnected spaced apart second reinforcing pins, each comprising  
a bundle of rods, disposed into the article at an angle to the stack of layers;  
the second reinforcing pins being disposed beside the first reinforcing fibers; and,  
a substantially solid matrix disposed about the first reinforcing fibers and the  
second reinforcing members.

9. (previously presented) The article of claim 8 in which the first reinforcing  
fibers and the second reinforcing pins comprise at least one material selected from the  
group consisting of carbon, graphite, glass, and metal.

10. (previously presented) The article of claim 9 in the form of a turbine engine  
article comprising:  
an airfoil including the stack of layers and the spaced apart second reinforcing  
pins;  
the first reinforcing fibers in a layer being substantially aligned with one another.

11. (canceled)

12. (new) A fiber reinforced composite article comprising a plurality of stacked  
layers of first reinforcing fibers comprising a stack of layers, and a plurality of  
unconnected spaced apart second reinforcing pins disposed into the article at an angle to  
the stack of layers; wherein,  
the second reinforcing pins are disposed beside the first reinforcing fibers; and,  
a substantially solid matrix is disposed about the first reinforcing fibers and the second  
reinforcing members.